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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.